THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such scheme. Tariff Policy notified by the Central Government under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 states that provision of free electricity is not desirable as it encourages wasteful consumption of electricity besides, in most cases, lowering of water table in turn creating avoidable problem of water shortage for irrigation and drinking water.

Hydro electric potential in NER

2519. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North Eastern Region with 38 per cent of the country's total hydro potential still suffers from grave power shortage with per capita power consumption of merely 90 KWH against all India per capita of 280 KWH and world average of 2000 KWH;

(b) if so, the details and cost of the hydro-electric projects under implementation and those under consideration for augmentation of hydro-power potential in the North Eastern Region; and

(c) the stage of implementation and approval of different projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The North-Eastern Region has an estimated hydro potential of 31,857 MW at 60% load factor which is about 38% of the total assessed hydro potential in the country. North Eastern Region was having peak shortage of 18.1% and energy shortage of 8.1 during the month of July, 2006. The per capita consumption of electricity of North-Eastern Region during the year 2004-05 was 218.92 KWh against the All India per capita consumption of 612.5 KWh and the world average per capita consumption of 2,429 KWh during 2003.

(b) and (c) The details of hydro projects under implementation in North-Eastern Region along with their cost are given at Statement (*See* below). Central Electricity Authority has prepared a shelf of four schemes

aggregating to 2,724 MW for 11th Plan and 36 schemes aggregating to 23,223 MW for the 12th Plan.

Statement

Details of cost of H.E. Projects under implementation in North-Eastern Region

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Capacity	Sanctioned Cost/Revised cost	Commissioning schedule Original/Latest
A. HE Projects under implementation				
I. For benefits during 10th Plan				
1.	Karbi Langpi (Lower Borpani) Assam 24.9.1979	2x50=100MW	36.36 557.42	1985-86 U-1:12/06 U-2:02/07
II. For benefits during 11th Plan				
2.	Myntdu Meghalaya 20.09.2009	2x42=84MW	363.10 (CEA Cleared Cost)	2006-07 2007-08
3.	Kameng NEEPCO Ar. Pradesh 02.12.2004 (CCEA)	4x150=600 MW	2264 2264	2009-10 2009-10
4.	Subansiri Lower (NHPC) Ar.Pd./Assam 09.09.2003	8x250=2000 MW	6285.33 6285.33	2010-11 2010-11
B. HE Projects not yet started/under hold				
1.	Tuirial NEEPCO Mizoram 07.07.1998	2x30=60MW	368.72 686.95	2005-07 2008-09
2.	LoktakD/S NHPC Manipur 30.12.1999	3x30=90MW	578.62 578.62	2006-07 2008-09